

REMARKS

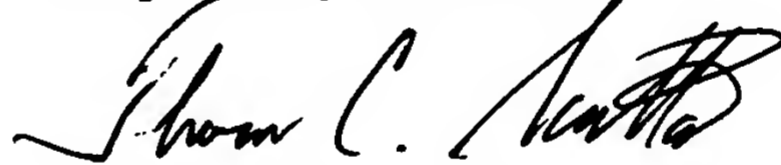
Claims 1 through 12, 22, 31 and 32 have been canceled.

The claims have been amended in response to the recently acquired prior art. The claims remaining now correspond to the previously allowed claims indicated in the final office action.

Previously allowed claim 22 has now been incorporated into its independent claim 13. Previously allowed claim 32, plus its intervening claim 31, have now been incorporated into their independent claim 23. Minor changes have also been made in the independent claims and in some of the dependent claims for clarity in view of the amendments. Independent claims 13 and 23 now require a panel having stiffened areas joined together to form ribs.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as now presented are patentable in view of all known prior art, and reconsideration and subsequent passage for allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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